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RECORDING MEDIUM

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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Sir:

In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98, the attention of the Patent and Trademark Office is hereby directed to the documents listed on the attached form PTO-1449. It is respectfully requested that the references be expressly considered during prosecution of this application, and that the references be made of record therein and appear among the "References Cited" on any patent to issue therefrom.

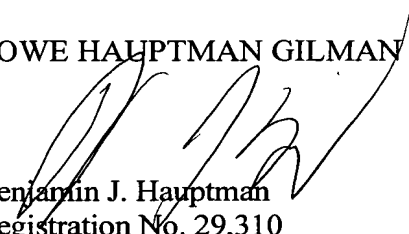
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Applicants have met all requirements regarding duty of disclosure under 37 CFR 1.56. A copy of the foreign search report is attached for the Examiner's information. Acknowledgement and consideration of these documents are respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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